

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A propylene/1-butene random copolymer (PBR) comprising: characterized by containing

(1) 60 to 90 mol% of units derived from propylene and 10 to 40 mol% of units derived from 1-butene, and having

(2) a triad isotacticity, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not less than 85% and not more than 97.5 %,

(3) a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn), as determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of from 1 to 3,

(4) an intrinsic viscosity, as measured in decalin at 135°C, of from 0.1 to 12 dl/g,

(5) a melting point (T_m), as measured on a differential scanning calorimeter, of from 40 to 120°C 40 to 75°C and a crystallization rate (1/2 crystallization time) at 45°C of 10 minutes or less, and satisfying

(6) the following relation

$$146 \exp(-0.022M) \geq T_m \geq 125 \exp(-0.032M)$$

wherein T_m represents a melting point and M (mol%) represents a content of 1-butene constituent units.

2. (Withdrawn) A propylene elastomer (PBER) characterized by containing:

(1) (a) 50 to 85 mol% of units derived from propylene,

(b) 5 to 25 mol% of units derived from 1-butene and

(c) 10 to 25 mol% of units derived from ethylene, and having:
a molar ratio of propylene content to ethylene content of from 89/11 to 70/30, and
a modulus in tension (YM), as measured in accordance with JIS 6301, of not more than
40 Mpa.

3. (Withdrawn) A polypropylene composition comprising:
5 to 95 wt% of polypropylene (PP-A)
and
95 to 5 wt% of a propylene/1-butene random copolymer (PBR) characterized by
containing
(1) 60 to 90 mol% of units derived from propylene and 10 to 40 mol% of units derived
from 1-butene,
and having
(2) a triad isotacticity, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not less than 85%
and not more than 97.5 %,
(3) a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn), as determined by gel permeation
chromatography (GPC), of from 1 to 3,
(4) an intrinsic viscosity, as measured in decalin at 135°C, of from 0.1 to 12 dl/g,
(5) a melting point (Tm), as measured on a differential scanning calorimeter, of from 40
to 120°C, and satisfying
(6) the following relation

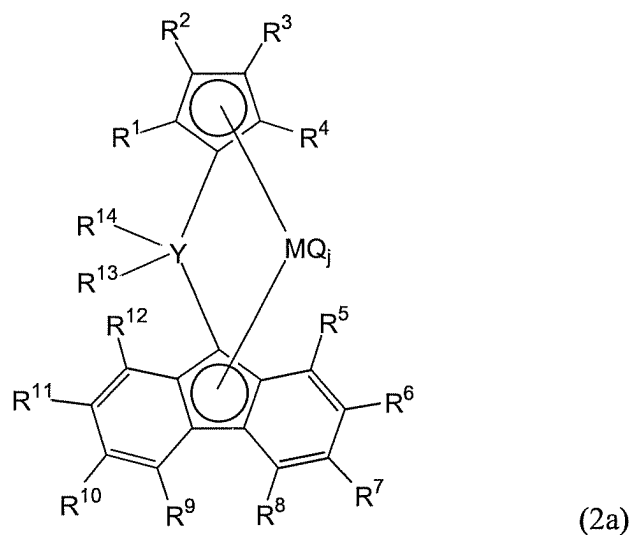
$$146 \exp (-0.022M) \geq T_m \geq 125 \exp (-0.032M)$$

wherein T_m represents a melting point and M (mol%) represents a content of 1-butene constituent units.

4. (Withdrawn) A sheet or film comprising a polypropylene composition as claimed in claim 3.

5. (Withdrawn) A stretched film obtainable by stretching a sheet or film as claimed in claim 4 in at least one direction.

6. (Withdrawn) A transition metal compound (2a) represented by the following formula (2a):



wherein each of R^1 and R^3 is hydrogen, R^2 and R^4 are identically or differently selected from a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing group, R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are identically or differently selected from hydrogen, a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing

group, and adjacent substituent groups R^5 to R^{12} may be linked to form a ring, R^{14} is an aryl group, and R^{13} and R^{14} may be identical or different each other and may be linked to form a ring. M is a Group 4 transition metal, Y is a carbon atom, Q may identically or differently be selected from halogen, a hydrocarbon group, anion ligand or neutral ligand capable of coordination with a lone pair of electrons, and j is an integer of 1 to 4.

7. (Withdrawn) A transition metal compound (3a) according to claim 6, wherein each of R^{13} and R^{14} in the formula (2a) is simultaneously an aryl group.

8. (Withdrawn) An olefin polymerization catalyst comprising:

(A) a transition metal compound (2a) or (3a) and

(B) at least one compound selected from:

(B-1) an organometallic compound,

(B-2) an organoaluminum oxy compound and

(B-3) a compound capable of forming an ion pair by reacting with the transition metal compound (A).

9. (Withdrawn) A polyolefin resin composition comprising:

100 parts by weight of a propylene polymer (PP-C) and

not less than 10 parts by weight of at least one elastomer selected from elastomers (EL-1)

to (EL-4) obtainable by a metallocene catalyst,

MSW/JMK/jmb

wherein the elastomer (EL-1) is

I) a propylene and ethylene random copolymer in a molar ratio of constituent units derived from propylene to constituent units derived from ethylene of from 80/20 to 20/80, and has

II) an intrinsic viscosity $[\eta]$ of not less than 1.5 dl/g,

III) a ratio (M_w/M_n) of a weight average molecular weight(M_w) to a number average molecular weight (M_n), as measured by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of from 1.0 to 3.5, and

IV) a ratio of an irregularly bonded propylene monomer based on 2,1-insertion to all the propylene constituent units, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not more than 1.0 mol%;

the elastomer (EL-2) is

I) a random copolymer of ethylene and an α -olefin having 4 to 20 carbon atoms in a molar ratio of constituent units derived from ethylene to constituent units derived from α -olefin of from 80/20 to 20/80, and has

II) an intrinsic viscosity $[\eta]$ of not less than 1.5 dl/g,

III) a ratio (M_w/M_n) of a weight average molecular weight(M_w) to a number average molecular weight (M_n), as measured by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of from 1.0 to 3.5, and

IV) a ratio of an irregularly bonded α -olefin monomer based on 2,1-insertion to all the α -olefin constituent units, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not more than 1.0 mol%;

the elastomer (EL-3) is

I) a random copolymer of propylene and an α -olefin having 4 to 20 carbon atoms in a molar ratio of constituent units derived from propylene to constituent units derived from α -olefin of from 80/20 to 20/80, and has

II) an intrinsic viscosity $[\eta]$ of not less than 1.5 dl/g,

III) a ratio (M_w/M_n) of a weight average molecular weight(M_w) to a number average molecular weight (M_n), as measured by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of from 1.0 to 3.5,

IV) a ratio of an irregularly bonded propylene monomer based on 2,1-insertion to all the propylene constituent units, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not more than 1.0 mol%, and

V) a melting point, as measured on DSC, of not higher than 150°C or not measured;

the lastomer (EL-4) is

I) a random copolymer of ethylene, propylene and an α -olefin having 4 to 20 carbon atoms in a molar ratio of constituent units derived from propylene to constituent units derived from α -olefin of from 80/20 to 20/80, and has

II) a molar ratio $[(\text{EP}) / (\text{OL})]$ of constituent units (EP) derived from ethylene and propylene to constituent units (OL) derived from α -olefin having 4 to 20 carbon atoms of from 99/1 to 20/80,

III) an intrinsic viscosity $[\eta]$ of not less than 1.5 dl/g,

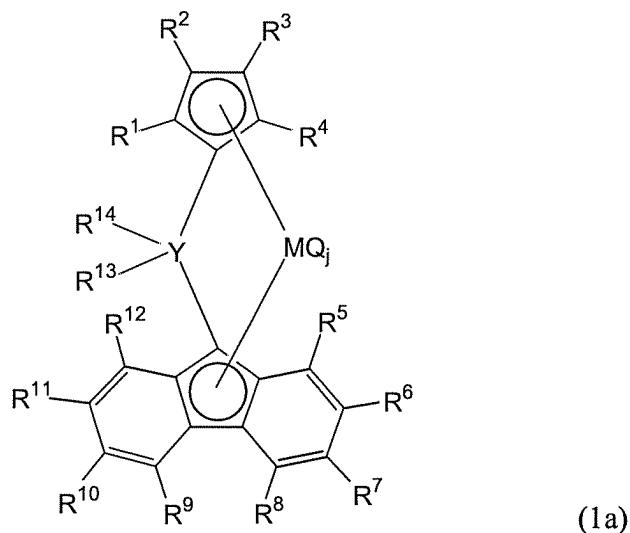
III) a ratio (M_w/M_n) of a weight average molecular weight(M_w) to a number average

molecular weight (M_n), as measured by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of from 1.0 to 3.5,

IV) a ratio of an irregularly bonded propylene monomer based on 2,1-insertion to all the propylene constituent units, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not more than 1.0 mol%, and a ratio of an irregularly bonded α -olefin monomer based on 2,1-insertion to all the α -olefin constituent units, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not more than 1.0 mol%; and

the metallocene catalyst comprises:

a transition metal compound (1a) represented by the following formula (1a)



in which R^3 is selected from a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing group; R^1 , R^2 and R^4 are identically or differently selected from hydrogen, a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing group; R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} and R^{14} are identically or differently selected from hydrogen, a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing group; adjacent substituent groups R^5 to R^{12} may be linked each other to form a ring; R^{13} and R^{14} may be the same or different each other

and may be linked to form a ring; M is a Group 4 transition metal; Y is a carbon atom; Q may be identically or differently selected from halogen, a hydrocarbon group, anion ligand or neutral ligand capable of coordination with a lone pair of electrons, and j is an integer of 1 to 4,

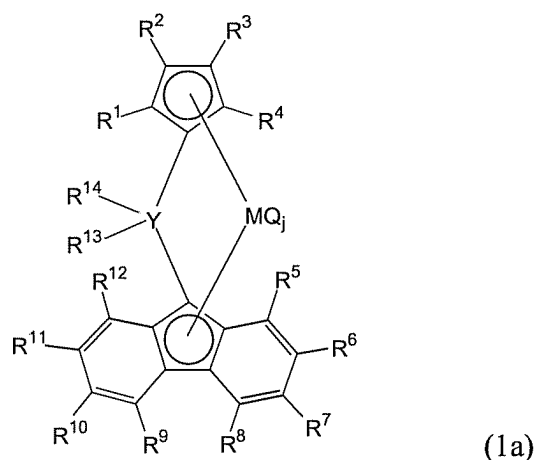
an organoaluminum oxy-compound (1b) and/or

a compound (2b) capable of forming an ion pair by reacting the transition metal compound (1a) and optionally

an organoaluminum compound (c).

10. (Currently Amended) The propylene/1-butene copolymer according to claim 1 ~~obtainable~~ obtained by polymerizing propylene and 1-butene in the presence of an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising:

a transition metal compound (1a) represented by the following formula (1a)



in which R³ is selected from a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing group; R¹, R² and R⁴ are identically or differently selected from hydrogen, a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing group; R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴ are identically or differently selected from

hydrogen, a hydrocarbon group and silicon-containing group; adjacent substituent groups R^5 to R^{12} may be linked each other to form a ring; R^{13} and R^{14} may be the same or different from each other and may be linked to form a ring; M is a Group 4 transition metal; Y is a carbon atom; Q may be identically or differently selected from halogen, a hydrocarbon group, anion ligand or neutral ligand capable of coordination with a lone pair of electrons, and j is an integer of 1 to 4; ~~and j is an integer of 1 to 4,~~

an organoaluminum oxy-compound (1b) and/or

a compound (2b) capable of forming an ion pair by reacting the transition metal compound (1a) and optionally

an organoaluminum compound (c).

11. (Withdrawn) A polypropylene composite film comprising:

(I) a crystalline polypropylene layer and

(II) a layer of a polypropylenen composition (II) laminated on at least one surface of the layer (I),

wherein the polypropylene composition (CC-2) comprises:

0 to 95 % by weight of a crystalline polypropylene (PP-A) and

5 to 100 % by weight of a propylene/1-butene random copolymer (PBR):

(1) containing 60 to 90 mol% of units derived from propylene and 10 to 40 mol% of units derived from 1-butene,
and having

(2) a triad isotacticity, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not less than 85% and not more than 97.5 %,

(3) a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn), as determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of from 1 to 3,

(4) an intrinsic viscosity, as measured in decalin at 135°C, of from 0.1 to 12 dl/g,

(5) a melting point (T_m), as measured on a differential scanning calorimeter, of from 40 to 120°C, and satisfying

(6) the following relation

$$146 \exp(-0.022M) \geq T_m \geq 125 \exp(-0.032M)$$

wherein T_m represents a melting point and M (mol%) represents a content of 1-butene constituent units.

12. (Withdrawn) A stretched film obtainable by stretching the laminate as claimed in claim 11 in at least one direction.

13. (New) A propylene/1-butene random copolymer (PBR) comprising:

(1) 60 to 90 mol% of units derived from propylene and 10 to 40 mol% of units derived from 1-butene, and having

(2) a triad isotacticity, as determined from a ^{13}C -NMR spectrum, of not less than 85% and not more than 97.5 %,

(3) a molecular weight distribution (M_w/M_n), as determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC), of from 1 to 3,

(4) an intrinsic viscosity, as measured in decalin at 135°C, of from 0.1 to 12 dl/g,

(5) a melting point (T_m), as measured on a differential scanning calorimeter, of from 40 to 66.5°C, and satisfying

(6) the following relation

$$146 \exp(-0.022M) \geq T_m \geq 125 \exp(-0.032M)$$

wherein T_m represents a melting point and M (mol%) represents a content of 1-butene constituent units.

14. (New) The propylene/1-butene random copolymer according to claim 13, further having

(7) a crystallization rate (1/2 crystallization time) at 45°C of 10 minutes or less.